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This is in response to the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment filed May 20, 2011.

By decision mailed January 3, 2011, a prior Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment filed September 21, 2010 was granted.

However, on March 30, 2011, the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error. The decision withdrawing the holding of abandonment is affirmed. The error has been corrected and the holding of abandonment has been WITHDRAWN.

The petition under § 1.181 is GRANTED.

No fee is required on petition under § 1.181.

The Office of Patent Application Processing has been advised of this decision. The application is, thereby, returned to the Office of Patent Application Processing for completion of preexamination processing.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

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